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# Notice to Navigation Interests

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**SUBJECT: Use of Federal Mooring Buoys at the Fort Loudoun Lock, Tennessee River Mile 602.3.**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has provided new mooring buoys in the upper approach of the Fort Loudoun Lock. The purpose of the mooring buoys located outside the lock approaches are for use by navigation traffic (primarily towing industry) for the safe and efficient passage of traffic along the District's waterways.

To use federal mooring facilities, vessel operators are required to contact the Fort Loudoun Lock by marine radio or telephone and advise the lockmaster of their intention to use the buoys. The vessel operator must provide the lockmaster with his vessel's name, number of loaded and empty barges. The lockmaster or his designee will then determine if it is acceptable for the vessel to do so.

Any vessel or tow requesting to use the mooring buoys will always make a landing on the lock wall first and will not use the buoys to slow/check down the speed of the tow or vessel on approach to the lock. After vessel has landed on lock wall and has stopped all forward momentum the vessel operator then should bring the tow over to the buoys for mooring.

All questions can be addressed to the Lockmaster at Fort Loudoun Lock at telephone number 865-986-2762.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

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